



Background

Over the past several years, the United States has experienced a shortage of in-home care workers due to low wages and the COVID-19 pandemic. The AARP Public Policy Institute estimates uncompensated care by family caregivers to be about \$600 billion. Additionally, with the growing demand of family caregivers to fill in the gap of in-home care workers shortages, family caregivers face financial risks such as lost income, reduced career opportunities, and subsequently lower Social Security and retirement benefits.

Medicaid Reimbursement for Family Caregivers

Nevada Medicaid has several programs that allow a family member of a Medicaid recipient, who needs in-home support, to be reimbursed as a caregiver. A family caregiver includes a Legally Responsible Individual (LRI) such as a parent (including stepparent) of a minor child, a spouse, or a court appointed guardian. A family caregiver who does not have a legal obligation, but would be within a third degree of relatedness, is considered a non-LRI caregiver. The following is a list of options for family caregivers through Nevada Medicaid.

Medicaid Program	Medicaid Service	Caregiver	Employed By
Frail Elderly Waiver	Chore, Homemaker and Respite	Both LRI and non-LRI	PCS agency
Home Health Services and Private Duty Nursing Services	Skilled Nursing Services	Both LRI and non-LRI	Home Health agency
Intellectual and Developmental Disability Waiver	Supportive living arrangement (SLA) and Non-Medical Transportation	Both LRI and non-LR	SLA agency
Personal Care Services (PCS)	Personal Care Services- bathing, dressing, grooming, housekeeping, eating, laundry, meal prep, mobility, essential shopping, toileting, transferring	Only non-LRI	PCS agency or ISO
Physically Disabled Waiver	Attendant Care, Chore, Homemaker, Respite	Both LRI and non-LRI	PCS agency or ISO
Specialized Foster Care (SFC)	Basic skills training, intensive in-home services and psychosocial rehabilitation	Foster parent	SFC agency

How to Become a Paid Family Caregiver

For more information regarding the above Medicaid programs and how a family member may qualify as a paid caregiver, a Medicaid recipient can contact one of the following resources based on their Medicaid benefit eligibility.

- Medicaid recipients with a Nevada Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MCO) may contact their respective MCO – <https://dncfp.nv.gov/Members/BLU/MCOMain>
- Waiver recipients can contact the Aging and Disability Services Division – <https://adsd.nv.gov>
- For Specialized Foster Care may contact the Division of Child and Family Services- <https://dcfs.nv.gov/>
- Katie Beckett recipients and all other recipients can contact their local Medicaid District Office – https://dncfp.nv.gov/Contact/Contact_Home/